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**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & CONSERVATION  
DIVISION OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL  
WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
MINUTES & SUPPORT DOCUMENTS  
1977-1996  
RECORD GROUP # 293**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Record Group 293, The Department of Environment & Conservation, Division of Water Pollution Control, Water Quality Control Board Minutes and Support Documents, spans the years of 1977-1996. These records measure one cubic foot and were maintained by the Department of Environment and Conservation until they were transferred to TSLA on July 30, 2001. These records represent the activity of the Water Quality Control Board and are arranged by subject file, then chronologically. The original order was maintained and the documents were found in good condition. This record group represents the action taken at board meetings and includes copies of some minutes, agendas, and other support documents pertaining to the monthly meetings. Two cubic feet of legislative bills were disposed of because of redundant information. The remaining cubic foot of records were microfilmed and disposed of according to state RDA # S528. This is a microfilm only collection and there are no restrictions on the use of these records.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The Water Quality Control Board, according to a document in the collection, "was created by the Tennessee Water Quality Control Act of 1977 (as amended) to direct the Department of Environment and Conservation's Division of Water Pollution Control in developing, implementing, and administering the state water pollution control regulations. Duties and authority of the board include establishing and adopting standards of quality for all waters of the state; conducting public hearings associated with the adoption of water quality standards; hearing appeals from orders issued and penalties or damages assessed by the commissioner, or permit revocation or modifications by the commissioner; affirming, modifying, or revoking such actions or orders of the commissioner; promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the purpose of establishing and administering a comprehensive permit program to issue permits under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) established by subsection 402 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, P.L. 92-500; holding hearings for the purpose of reviewing the denial of or imposition of terms or conditions in permits or variances by the commissioner; developing rules relating to the underground placement of fluids and other substances which may affect the waters of the state."

The majority of the documents in this record group consists of chronological files of the board hearings. Handwritten notes from meetings have been retained since they represented the only record of the meeting or minutes in some cases. The remainder of the records include subject files including correspondence, policy and procedures, and reports.

The greatest strength of this collection rests in the fact that these documents represent the earliest record of Tennessee's effort to regulate water quality and to control water pollution. The biggest weakness of these records is represented by the lack of official minutes for certain meetings. Photocopies of some minutes give evidence that they were taken from an official minute book that is not contained in this collection. The official minute books are possibly retained in the files of the Department of Environment and Conservation.

## CONTAINER LIST

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1. Board Hearings--General--Agenda and Notes, 1982-1984.
2. Board Hearings--Minutes, Notes, and Notices, 1985.
3. Board Hearings--Minutes, Notes, and Notices, 1986.
4. Board Hearings--Minutes, Notes, and Notices, 1987.
5. Board Meetings--Minutes, Notes, and Notices, 1988.
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7. Board Meetings--Minutes, Notes, and Notices, 1990.
8. Board Meetings--Minutes, Notes, and Notices, 1991.
9. Board Meetings--Minutes, Notes, and Notices, 1992.
10. Board Meetings--Minutes, Notes, and Notices, 1993.
11. Board Meetings--Minutes, Notes, and Notices, 1994.
12. Board Meetings--Minutes, Notes, and Notices, 1995.
13. Board Meetings--Minutes, Notes, and Notices, 1996.
14. Correspondence, 1994.
15. Litigation Transmittal Forms, 1993.
16. National Pollutant Discharge System (NPDES) Hearing Comments, Sept. 15, 1977.
17. Policy & Procedures, 1982.
18. Report--Audit--Comptroller's, 1992.
19. Report--Annual--TN Division of Water Management, July1, 1982-June 30, 1983.
20. Report--Program Evaluation by Comptroller, October, 1983.